

# Mallory gives educational philosophies

"Education has to be as human and concerned as possible," State Commissioner of Education Dr. Arthur Mallory, emphasized at a lecture July 14 at Colden Hall.

Dr. Mallory was invited to NWMSU by Dr. David Dial, associate professor of secondary education, to speak to this summer's graduate students about upcoming changes in education in Missouri.

Speaking to an audience of more than 100 persons, Dr. Mallory also discussed the basic skills he feels are required learning for each child, the needs of individual teachers, and suggestions for school districts within the state.

"In the next decade, or the next 12 months, principals will have to go into the hallways and talk to their students, who will be hungry for recognition," said Dr.

Mallory, stressing the need for increasing teacher-student relationships. Knowledge of the student's family and home life will be necessary in student evaluation.

Education will be of even greater interest in the future, involving both teachers and parents actively in decision making roles.

Basic skills Dr. Mallory feels every child should have by the time he reaches ninth grade are reading at a literate level, expressing himself through writing and speaking, and using the principles of mathematics, economics and government.

Basic requirements for teachers start with good health. Dr. Mallory also commented on "the teacher's need for spiritual reserve. The teacher must understand his relationship with God." The personal example of the teacher and

the worth of a good background are also important.

The State Commissioner shared his philosophy of public school education. He stated that "it is the responsibility of the schools to prepare all students, not just a select group, for the rest of their lives." Dr. Mallory defined this later by listing the three educational opportunities which must be available for all students: college preparation, vocational technical preparation and access to special education.

Dr. Mallory suggested that the ideal school district of the future would set their priorities, be capable of teaching reading, keep order and have a "center of gravity," a recognized someone who is in charge. Students, teachers, administrators and school board members would be the basis of this ideal school district.

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### Candidates for academic vice presidency visit campus

Recommendations have been made to President B.D. Owens for the post of vice-president of academic affairs by a 17-member search committee headed by Dr. Virgil Albertini, English instructor.

The vice-president of academic affairs post was recently vacated by Dr. John Mees who was appointed vice-president for student development and acting dean of faculties.

Out of 100 applicants, the committee's function was to recommend three or four names to the president. Through a series of meetings, the candidates being considered have been narrowed down to two, and both visited the campus during the past two weeks.

Dr. Gerald Swaim, presently chief academic officer at Lander College in Greensboro, S.C., visited the campus July 8, and Dr. George English, who has served at the University of Evansville at Indiana as Dean of Arts and Sciences for the past six years, met with students, faculty and administration July 14.



Dr. Gerald Swaim and Dr. George English, candidates for the post of Chief Academic Officer, were on campus during the past two weeks to meet with students, faculty, administrators and staff members.

#### "I'd like to help the faculty work in a set direction."

Dr. Swaim has no specific plans or changes in mind, should he be chosen for the position of chief academic officer. "I don't want to prejudge issues. I feel that it's normal and right for the president to set the tone of a university, and I plan to work closely with Dr. (B.D.) Owens.

"I want to help Dr. Owens enunciate the University's goals for the next three to five years," Dr. Swaim continued. "I'd like to help the faculty work in a set direction."

Dr. Swaim met with students and faculty two weeks ago when he was here to interview for the position. Among the things he discussed was the library. "The library's place is very important in a university-learning situation," he said. "Students need to have a good source of

learning materials close to them while they pursue a course of study."

Student opinion was another major topic of discussion that day. "I have an enormous respect for student opinion," Dr. Swaim said. "I don't think students should run a university, but I think their opinion should be of tremendous value to those people who do run it."

He also emphasized that NWMSU should continue to place primary importance on developing a high quality academic program. "This is the most important distinction for a university--others (athletics, etc.) are only added.

"I think that a student can get a first rate education at this University every bit as good as anywhere else in Missouri. I'd like to help retain this fine academic image, should I be chosen the new chief academic officer."

Dealing with the drop in enrollment and the change of administration are two

main concerns Dr. English feels are important.

"Due to the change in administration, said Dr. English, "there may be a series of solutions that may be somewhat different than in the past."

He believes that increasing programs to make the school more desirable is a way to deal with the enrollment problem. But, he added, "students will recognize quality programs," so a possible solution would be to take a look at the overall programming and decide where to make areas of excellence. From there, said Dr. English, a reputation could be built for the University around these centers of excellence.

Another way of attracting students according to Dr. English is to add additional programs, yet keep up standards of excellence. Dr. English believes that the number of students enrolled in a program doesn't determine

the excellence of it. What does, he said, is where the graduates of it end up. I would be judged "primarily by where the graduates go and how they succeed." Dr. English would also judge the program by how graduate students of the program score nationally on graduate tests.

#### "The worst thing an institution can do is play the numbers game--come one, come all."

"This University is a multi-purpose state institution so it is reasonably open, but not totally open door," remarked Dr. English. "The worst thing an institution can do is play the numbers game--come one, come all."

His belief on what role students should play in major decisions, such as adding or dropping programs, is that their input is important. The bulk of the decision comes from consultation with the faculty. "If things are done so quietly that the faculty members don't even know, that's a bad situation." He does think, however, students should have something to say, but he added, "I don't think students would like to make the decisions; the faculty is in somewhat the same position, but they would both like to have their say."

Dr. English expressed the importance he places on the library. If it were up to him, he said, "I would build the library before the university because it is so fundamental to the university. Utilization is beginning to come back, and students should know how to research in the library after four years."

Dr. English has been Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Evansville for six years, attended Illinois State and Southern Illinois as a social science and political science major and earned his master's degree in educational administration and history.

# Student leaders compare state universities' policies

Beth Snyder

Rex Gwinn, 1977-78 Student Senate president, along with four other NWMSU student representatives, spent May 11-21 visiting seven Missouri state colleges and universities.

Scott Henson, former Student Senate member; Kathy Adkins, Millikan Hall representative; Phil Smith, Inter-residence Council representative; and Debbie Mason, Union Board president, accompanied Gwinn. They spent approximately one day on each campus comparing notes on various programs.

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NEMSU at Kirksville was the first stop on the tour. The representatives proceeded from there to MU at Columbia, Lincoln University at Jefferson City, University of Missouri at Rolla, SEMSU at Cape Girardeau, SWMSU at Springfield and CMSU at Warrensburg.

Each of the five NWMSU representatives on the Senate tour specialized in a specific area of student activities. Gwinn was in charge of intramurals; Henson compared Senate activities and security systems; Adkins and Smith worked on possible housing changes, including rates and hours; and Mason was in charge of student activities.

"Intramurals are an important part of student life," according to Gwinn. He said, "I think some changes are in order in the area of intramurals here. Rolla and Springfield both had excellent intramural programs."

Gwinn attributed the excellence of the other schools' programs to two factors, student control of the intramural budget and the presence of a full- or part-time intramural director.

"NWMSU is the only school in the Missouri Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) that doesn't have an intramural director," according to Gwinn. He stated, "I'd like to work on changing that this year."

Another change Gwinn would like to see is the allocation of money in the Senate budget to different areas, including cheerleading, organizations, dances, speakers and school publicity.

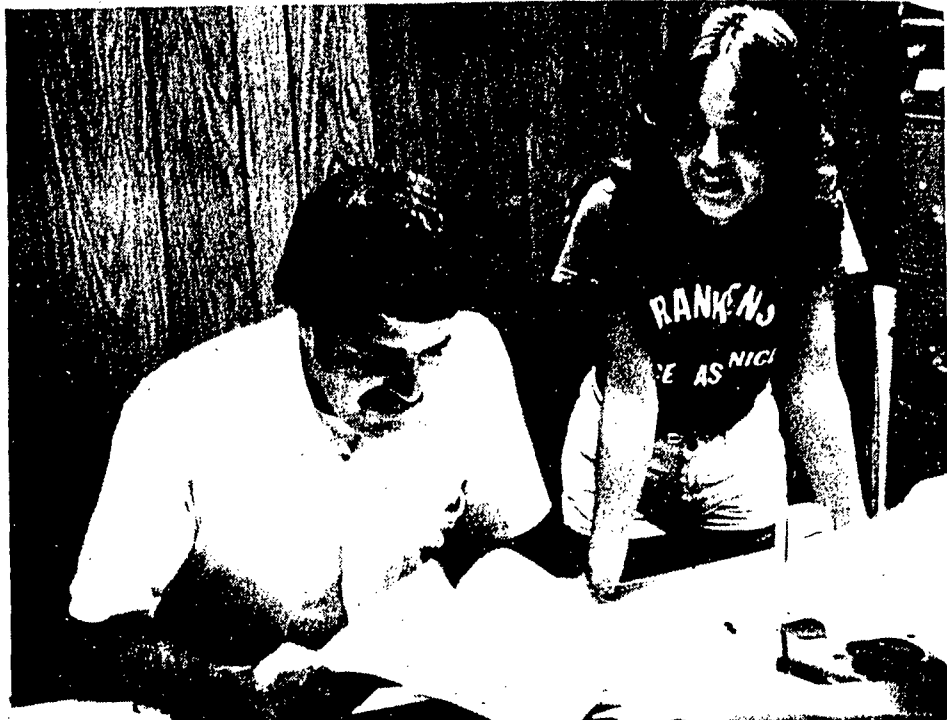
"We have to open our physical education facilities to students more often and for longer periods of time," stated Gwinn. "I saw greater use of these facilities at other schools," he said.

Changes are also in order in the area of student housing, according to Gwinn.

"One interesting fact that we noted was that Rolla and Springfield both have coed housing," he said. "We are going to try to work for coed dorms with open hours here."

He also said that one major weakness here is the lack of control that the Student Senate is allowed.

"I think our Student Senate can handle more responsibility," said Gwinn. "I realize that a change like this can't



Rex Gwinn, left, and Phil Smith look over some of the material they brought home from their recent visit to other MIAA campuses. Photo by Robert Gard.

happen overnight, but I'm hoping that in the long run our Student Senate will gain more responsibility in specific areas," he said.

**"Communication between students and administrators here is better than at most other schools we visited," Gwinn said.**

Along with the weaknesses, Gwinn noted a few strengths among programs at NWMSU, as compared with other state schools.

## Teachers exchange ideas

A fair full of learning center ideas for elementary teachers was held July 20 on the top floor of the Student Union.

The fair was the culmination of two week-long learning center workshops taught by JoAnn Stamm and a Supervision of Elementary Schools class taught by Dr. James Gleason. Ideas were developed for bulletin boards, games and other study areas for all facets of elementary instruction. Workshop participants were required to create new ideas at the workshop and were also invited to bring their own ideas.

"We have a superior security system here," said Gwinn. The only other school that impressed him in the area of security was Lincoln.

Another strength Gwinn noted was the cost of fees and housing. Total fees here are lower than those at most schools Gwinn and the other representatives visited.

However, NWMSU's greatest asset, according to Gwinn, is the student-administration relations.

"Communication between students and administrators here is better than at most other schools we visited," he said.

Except for MU at Columbia, he said, "students at the other institutions we visited felt a reluctance on the part of their administrators to discuss important student issues. This is a factor which could affect the growth of any institution."

# BEARFACTS

Summer Student Graduate Council will meet at 1:30, July 26 in room 206 of the Administration Building.

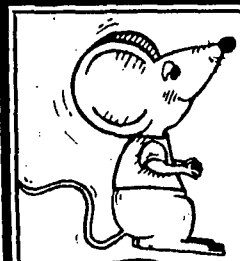
There are still openings for graduate resident assistant positions in the residence halls according to Dr. Margaret Briggs, assistant provost. Apply at Cauffield Hall.

Football schedule cards for the Bearcats' 1977 season are available in the office of news and information (201 Administration Building.)

Yearly health evaluations are available to faculty and staff members by appointment only at the Student Health Service until Aug. 12. A current Activity Ticket must be shown to be able to make use of the service. The hours are 9:30-noon and 1:30-3:30 p.m.


All graduating seniors and graduate students should meet in the Upper Lakeview Room of the Student Union, July 28 at 12:30 p.m.

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The majority of graduate students' time is spent doing research work. Shown here is Earlene Christie studying in Wells Library. Photo by Robert Gard.

## Grad students experience hectic summer life style

Kay Medsker

Known by his bulging brief case, older, more mature look and his air of seriousness (maybe worry?), the graduate student seems to permeate the NWMSU campus during the summer sessions.

In fact, for the Aug. 12 commencement exercises, 145 graduates are scheduled to receive various master's degrees, while only 119 undergraduate degrees are to be conferred.

**"The college instructors expect so much more of a graduate."**

What makes up a "grad" student? How does he differ from the undergraduate he once was? Most will first of all say the amount of work needed for a master's is much more than that required for a bachelor's degree.

According to Jerry Hora, Anita, Ia., "The college instructors expect so much more of a graduate. When I was an undergraduate, things were explained more, but as a graduate you're on your own."

Pat George, Maryville, agreed, saying, "I have to do so much more research work!"

"Many graduate students have the added burden of homes and families to care for, plus great distances to commute to NWMSU classes," said Diana Skinner, Dearborn. "And the lack of air conditioning in Wells Library this summer makes it hard to work there."

Nancy Jensen, Maryville, already has her master's degree, but she likes to return to the campus during the summer and do extra research and studying. "I

like the unstructured schedule of being a graduate student," she said.

If the work is so much harder and time consuming, why then does a person put himself through the rigors of receiving a master's?

Perhaps the answer lies partly in comments voiced by Earlene Christie, New Hampton. "Graduates are here because they want to be, since most of them already have jobs," she said. "The graduate takes his work more seriously and is involved in a true intellectual search. On the other hand, many of our complaints are the same as undergraduates, such as adviser and scheduling trouble."

While all the extra work sounds ominous, many undergraduate students are opting to stay in college and complete their master's before entering the work force. As one undergraduate said, "Sure, it's a lot of work, but I wish I were a grad student. It would put me closer to where I want to be with my life."

## ITV expands training facility

September marks the tentative completion date for the newly-expanded television facilities on the third floor of the Administration Building, according to Rollie Stadlman, director of broadcasting.

The concurrent expansion of the two segments of the broadcasting facilities will enable the two respective staffs to train students more professionally and is a more interconnected way, since the new television studios are being built adjacent to campus radio stations KDLX and KXCV.

Noting that the station does not transmit outside the boundaries of the campus, Stadlman indicated that he would look into the possibility of becoming affiliated with a video-tape distribution firm.

Although the studios will be filling the same needs that it has been in the past, the emphasis will change from instructional productions to the training of students for the professional world, according to Dr. Robert Bohlken, chairman of the Speech and Theater Department.

"The priority at one time was for instruction, then training, then public relations. That has been turned around, in that the emphasis will now be on the training of our students," he explained.

Dr. Bohlken also expressed the belief that the school could soon contribute materials to area television stations, especially cable circuits such as Kansas City's channel 41.

A broader and more efficient training facility would be the primary advantage of the new studios as far as Bill Christ is concerned.

Broadcasting and television instructor Christ said, "Now we'll be closer to the radio station, and one of the rationales was that, being there, we'll have a lot more interrelation between TV and radio."

When the studio was in the library, it was very hard for students to feel that TV was a part of broadcasting, because it

was so isolated."

In addition, Christ said that the combination of the television and radio programs would attract more students.

"What we're really hoping is to get the best broadcasting program in the state, in terms of both TV and radio, he concluded.

Chief engineer Larry Lewellen has plans that go beyond the immediate future.

"The next steps? WE want to improve the cameras, and put in record-editing to do better productions," noted Lewellen. "And we want to do a lot more with channel ten, as well as on campus."

While Stadlman, Dr. Bohlken, Christ, and Lewellen all agree that editing capability is one of the next major improvements that needs to be made, it will not come as part of the present reorganization effort.

"We're hoping to be able to prove to the administration that we are worthy of consideration for future expansion," Stadlman commented.

"What we're trying to do right now is to catch up with the number of students we now have," said Stadlman. "Our facilities were extremely cramped and crowded and were in no way, shape or form state-of-the-art. What we're trying to do is provide as close to a state-of-the-art facility as we possibly can."

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# Transitory period ends Dr. Owens takes charge

## Family enjoys togetherness

"A tremendous strength to the family...supporting in working with me...a very talented lady." These are all phrases Dr. B.D. Owens uses when referring to his wife, Sue. Dr. Owens' description reflects Mrs. Owens' belief that being a wife and mother are the most important part of her life.

"I feel very strongly about a mother's role," said Mrs. Owens, "and as much as I can, I like to put my family first." The Owens have two sons, Brent, 15, and Kevin, 12.

Mrs. Owens, a native of the Maitland and Graham areas graduated in 1957 from NWMSU with a B.S. in elementary and secondary education in the music area. She taught vocal music for one year each at Savannah and Maryville High Schools, and at a junior high in Drexell Hill, Pa.

"I probably enjoyed teaching the elementary level best," reflected Mrs. Owens. "After we had the two boys though, I didn't consider going back to teaching at all. I couldn't half-way fulfill my duties."

Even though she has no outside career now, Mrs. Owens doesn't have much spare time. "I'm not the typical housewife," she laughed. "Whatever needs to be done, I do it." During the academic year, her day begins at 6:30 and she fixes breakfast for the family every morning. Then she usually has a meeting or activity, and correspondence to keep up. Mrs. Owens said she always fixes the family supper, which she enjoys doing.

"I love to bake, especially cookies, pies breads and cakes." She also enjoys entertaining, and at one dinner party in Tampa, the Owens' had approximately 75 guests. "I really do enjoy people and have come in contact with many," said Mrs. Owens.

When she does find time, Mrs. Owens enjoys several different interests. She said she loves plants and has brought many of her favorites from Tampa, and also crochets afghans and is now working on her eighth.

Reading has always been a pleasure and she enjoys biographies best. Although she said she has not had much time for music in the past ten years, she has a large theatre organ which she enjoys playing. "I enjoy interior design; putting a house together with furniture and a color scheme. I especially love decorating the house at Christmas."

The Owens' plan to move into the newly decorated President's House in the middle of August. They are now staying at the Home Management House on campus. According to Mrs. Owens, the President's home compares in many ways to the large, sprawling Georgian house they had in Tampa. "The boys are really very excited about the house," she added.

Stressing the importance they place on spending time together, the Owens' agreed that they have learned to make time to spend together even with their sometime hectic and pressured schedule. The boys and their father are currently enjoying restoring a 1931 Chevrolet and a 1955 Mercedes race car.

"We like to do things as a family," Mrs. Owens said. "Sometimes we don't get a chance to communicate for many days in a row, so we enjoy taking time to talk for one thing."

As a family, "We enjoy getting out in the country and enjoying nature," said Mrs. Owens. "Just being out is very rewarding." Taking time to spend together is crucial, according to Mrs. Owens, because "you can't ever go back and do it later."

Even though they enjoyed living in Tampa, Mrs. Owens said "It is really very exciting to be back. It's something I never dreamed we would do before, and it is not too real yet."

I am anxious to get into the fall semester and see how the schedule compares to the one at Tampa," said Mrs. Owens. "I'm also looking forward to getting better acquainted with people, which all comes in time."



## Teamwork forms basis for Owens presidency

No more sitting on the sidelines. No more waiting. All that is over. Dr. B.D. Owens has taken over the presidency and all the responsibilities.

In a recent interview with Philip Puntney of the Maryville Daily Forum, he said that organizational structure will be the key to making his administration run smoothly. He also said that he appreciates the fact that Dr. Robert P. Foster, his predecessor, didn't fill all the positions which have opened recently.

"The very fact that he did wait on these," Dr. Owens said, "and I know this put additional pressure on him from time to time to work with a makeshift organization, did leave me the option to fill a key position or two."

He has said that he likes to rely on a basic team system of administration. "I've always operated on the basis that whoever has the best ideas is the hero of the moment," he said. "Most of my operation is based on building a basic team of faculty, administrative staff and students to work toward common objectives."

One of the main concerns he mentioned which will be carefully studied is the fact that 22 of the major academic areas at NWMSU have five or less majors.

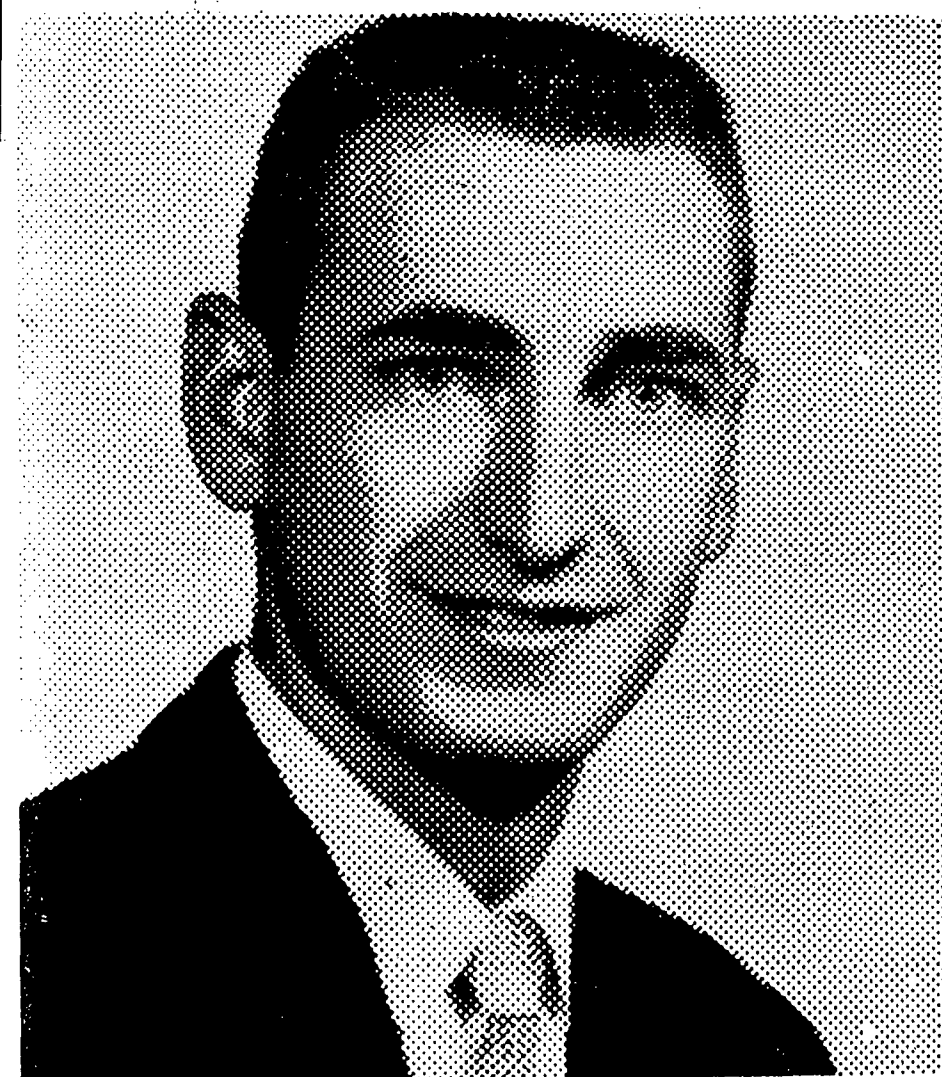
Faculty numbers will also be reviewed carefully according to Dr. Owens. He said that it is probably easier to increase enrollment than it would be to enact other cutbacks, but noted that the college age population of 18-22 is a declining age

group in the U.S. "This means that we either have to be more aggressive in our seeking students to attend NWMSU or we have to move into other areas of educational service," he said.

Discussing the participation of students in the consideration of possible changes and revisions in NWMSU's administrative policies, Dr. Owens said, "I suspect students will be very heavily involved as they have been on the campus I've just come from. For example, we have students on the screening committee for the academic vice presidency."

"We've had a number of concerns about conditions in residence halls," he continued, "and that's one of the major reasons for the development of a vice-president for student development. And, of course, I will have an open door if students have problems they want to bring to my attention."

Looking at the overall role of his administration in the education of NWMSU's students, Dr. Owens said, "We're not looking upon our role, obviously, as being able to turn out so many graduates in an assembly line process because that's where it breaks down in education. The intent is to deliver the instructional programs and to deliver the educational exposure in an atmosphere where individualism is not lost, where there is genuine concern about the student who is in the education system and genuine concern about the people who are a part of the delivery system."



Bob Owens, 1959 student body president of NWMSU, above, has now become the eighth president of the University. Succeeding retiring president Robert P. Foster, Dr. Owens took office on July 1. Pictured at the top of the page are Dr. Owens and his wife, Sue, with their two sons, Brent, 15, and Kevin, 12, enjoying time together.

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## Fate plays role in future

Had B.D. Owens been a year older in 1956 his life would be radically different today. Instead of sitting behind the president's desk at NWMSU, he would probably be gliding in the sky as a commercial airline pilot.

Fate and a great amount of hard work seem to have blended together to put Dr. Owens in the position he now holds.

Shortly after high school graduation, Owens entered the Air Force, and during this time, he set his goal on becoming a commercial airline pilot. "But," said Dr. Owens, "the commercial airline I wanted to fly for required that applicants be 22 and I was only 21." So while waiting for the year to pass, Owens' mother encouraged him to attend school at NWMSU.

With a business-administration major, Owens became involved in his college work, and by the time the magic age of 22 came around, he "never got back to the thought of being an airline pilot."

Owens led an active as well as successful college life. A member of Tau Kappa Epsilon social fraternity, he said that fraternities have not changed much from his days as a Greek, except that the TKEs' did not acquire their house until the year after his graduation.

During his senior year, Owens was student body president. He recalls the involvement he had with the University. "I always felt we (the students) had just as much voice as we wanted in the University affairs." Describing his involvement, Dr. Owens recalled when Eleanor Roosevelt visited the campus and he was appointed to pick her up in St. Joseph at the train and introduce her at an assembly in her honor. "I always felt included and had open, frank discussions with the administration," said Dr. Owens. "It was a very meaningful experience."

It was during his undergraduate work that Owens met his future wife, Sue Wright, whom he married in 1957.

After graduation from NWMSU, Owens earned his master's degree and PhD as an applied economics major from the University of Pennsylvania in 1962 under a Huebner Foundation Scholarship.

After being president at the University of Tampa, Dr. Owens and his wife were faced with an important decision of whether to stay in Tampa or return to Maryville. Owens explained that he had not planned to accept the post at Maryville, in fact, he had renewed his contract at Tampa for the coming academic year.

"I wasn't searching for the job at Maryville," reflected Dr. Owens, "but as the process went along, it became apparent that others were genuinely interested in having Sue and I come back. After a lot of soul-searching, we felt obliged to do so."

It is Dr. Owens' belief that it is futile to try to make oneself go down in history. "Our life span is such a short time that whatever monument is built doesn't make sense. What kind of impact has been made is important."

"I like to see people succeed in what they like to do and achieve the degree of success they wanted. It is very rewarding to be able to assist students and open new horizons for them."

## Former student gains fame

Originally from Grant City, and a 1959 graduate of NWMSU, Dr. B.D. Owens has become the eighth president of this University.

Why did he want to return to his alma mater? "I have always believed in the philosophy of giving back more than you take away, and I hope that I will be able to do that here."

He also said in a recent interview that it's not often that someone comes back to his alma mater to be president and he feels honored to be chosen for the post.

Before returning to Maryville on July 1, Dr. Owens was president of the University of Tampa for six years. When he took that job at the age of 36, he was the youngest man ever to assume the presidency of that now 46-year-old private liberal arts University. This led to his being elected to membership in the Young President's Organization three years ago, a world-wide association made up of 2,800 chief executives who have become presidents of sizable companies and organizations before reaching age 40.

While at Tampa, Dr. Owens worked to strengthen the University and emphasize academic excellence. Last fall the institution accepted about 525 freshmen out of 2300 applicants.

The creation of a strong master's degree program and the enrichment of the faculty by adding nationally-know

individuals to the staff were among Dr. Owens' major accomplishments during his presidency at Tampa. He also instituted a wide variety of progressive academic programs.

He has also received many honors in educational circles. Dr. Owens was the 1973 recipient of the Educator of the Year Award from the Tampa Bay Alumni Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, was named the 1972 Distinguished Alumnus of NWMSU and in 1969 received Theta Chi's Outstanding Faculty Award.

When Dr. Owens was chosen for the presidency of NWMSU, Board of Regents President William F. Phares, Jr., expressed the board's satisfaction at a press conference held in the J.W. Jones Student Union. "We were tremendously impressed with him as a person and with the leadership and administrative ability he has demonstrated at the University of Tampa," he said.

Describing his attitudes toward the institution he is now leading, Dr. Owens said at that press conference, "We are coming here with a deep conviction of the tremendous strength of this University. It did a lot for Sue (his wife) and for me and I'm grateful for that. It is a University that equipped us to compete in the academic world and in our society, both of which are so rapidly changing today."

## Missouriana Room exhibits circus memento collection

Cindy Noble

Circus memorabilia from the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus is now on display on the second floor of Wells Learning Resource Center.

The 26 piece collection is the "Cotton Fenner Exhibit: The Circus and Nodaway County," presented to the Missouriana Room Historical Collection by Dr. Mildred Sandison Fenner Reid in honor of her late husband, Wolcott (Cotton) Fenner.

Cotton Fenner was the senior vice president of Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus before his death in 1972. Joining the circus in 1952, Fenner saw Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey more in today's arenas and auditoriums than in the canvas tents of yesteryear. His memorabilia, however, takes one back to circus crowds to Maryville than those in St. Louis.

Circus posters boast of Jumbo, "The Pride of the British Heart." Jumbo, the renowned giant elephant, was led down Maryville's streets by P.T. Barnum in July of 1884.

Other wonders of the animal kingdom, posters say, accompanied The Greatest Show on Earth. Gargantua, the largest

gorilla ever exhibited almost comes to life on one poster while another boasts of "a whole horse show of the most perfectly trained thoroughbred high school horses in the world in a most marvelous display of graceful, difficult and dashing equestrianism."

An advertisement for an ill-fated 1905 Maryville circus appearance is also included in the display. According to an account in the *St. Joseph Gazette* the following day, on Sept. 18, 1905, with 15,000 spectators in the main tent, disaster struck. "Shortly after 3 o'clock, while the performance was in progress, wind, which had been blowing the greater part of the afternoon and which had gradually increased in velocity, suddenly carried the center pole of the big tent to the ground, snapping ropes and splintering spars," the article said.

"The big canvas ascended for a few feet like a huge balloon, every pole being jerked from position, and then collapsed.

"In a moment, pandemonium reigned."

The account reported scores injured and a Mr. Robinson, son of the *Maryville Republican* publisher, "not dead, as was supposed, but is dying." (Subsequent issues did not report either Robinson's death or recovery.)



Posters and circus memorabilia currently on display in the Missouriana Room of Wells Library attract those who appreciate the collection as an art and those who are "young at heart." Photo by Robert Gard.

More recent circus history is also represented in the display, including circus route books, newspaper stories, press passes, and circus press releases.

Dr. Reid, a 1931 NWMSU alumnus, is currently Ringling Brothers' director of educational services in developing educational programs for the circus. The 1970 recipient of NWMSU's first Distinguished Alumni Award is working with educational programs for performers and using the circus as a teaching tool in

traditional classroom situations.

The Cotton Fenner exhibit will be on display during Wells Library's regular hours until the end of September as a part of the Missouriana collection and will then be exhibited periodically. It is a colorful exhibit meant to bring memories of calliopes playing Sousa marches, daring young men on flying trapezes and Jumbo, "The Pride of the British Heart," leading the parade when the Greatest Show on Earth came to town.

## Ghosts come alive in Speech Department play

Barb Guhlke

Everyone loves a ghost story, as everyone loves a rattling good, edge-of-the-seat-sitting mystery. Knowing this, Dr. Charles Schultz's class in Special Problems in Theater will present Emlyn Williams' *A Murder has been Arranged: A Ghost Story* Aug. 4, 5 and 6 in the Charles Johnson Theater.

"This is pure diversion, pure entertainment, that's all," said Dr. Schultz. "There's no hidden intellectual about it at all. It's pure hokum, but lots of fun. It has all the elements of mystery and intrigue plus a spooky atmosphere and scare bits." The Charles Johnson Theater itself is the set for this tale of a haunted theater and an eccentric English Lord who is fascinated by sorcery and black magic.

Lord Jasper, who has come to the States on business, has heard the legend of the haunted C. J. Theater, where a sorcerer died 12 years ago, first proclaiming the curse that there would be another death 12 years after his own. A deaf and dumb woman will suddenly speak, foretelling his ghost, after which she will die a violent death and his ghost

will appear. Then another person is fated to die.

As it happens, this is also the eve of Lord Jasper's celebration in expectation of his inheritance of \$2 million. Considering his unusual interests, he has decided to hold his party in the haunted theater. But what should happen to all that money if something direful should befall Lord Jasper? There is one surviving relative, but no one knows his whereabouts. Strange figures appear, causing bafflement and consternation. Is one of them the mysterious Maurice Mullins, surviving relative and second in line for millions? Will someone try to pull

the plug on Lord Jasper? And will the dreadful ghost appear?

Baffling sights and sounds will assail the audience--"Did you see something over there?" "Over there? No. Did you?"--while Lord Jasper's guests shiver in dread. There are lots of possibilities. Perhaps the middle-aged Lord Jasper's pretty young wife doesn't really love her hubby at all. And isn't there something a little sinister about Sir Charles' secretary, Miss Groze? Then, there's that odd reporter, Jimmy North--who is he really?

Not to give away any secrets, but there is a murder, and what's more, the

audience knows who the murderer is. This is not the traditional whodunit. "There are a lot of illusions," said Dr. Schultz. "We're trying to trick the audience. Audiences want to be tricked. People like to be scared, it's so much fun."

Though the audience knows who the murderer is, how can it be proven? How is finally proven will end the show with a flourish in the best tradition of mystery stories since the genre began. Concluded Dr. Schultz, "We just want everybody to come out and have a fun evening of diversion--and maybe be scared a little bit, too."

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## Team wins MIAA

Coach calls season  
his 'most gratifying'

Jim Conaway

Watching his Bearcat tennis squad win the league title this year, Dr. John Byrd said, ranks as the most gratifying moment of his eight years of coaching the sport here.

Before the start of last season, men's tennis teams coached by Byrd had won MIAA conference championships and finished among the NCAA Division II's top ten teams six straight seasons.

To continue a championship tradition started by the 1971 squad consisting of only American players, Byrd began directing his recruiting toward foreign students, who would receive special foreign student scholarships and compete in what was and still is classified as a non-scholarship sport.

According to Byrd, who coaches one of two men's sports that aren't allotted scholarship aid from the athletic department, it didn't look like the Bearcats would be able to keep their hold on the league's championship trophy this spring because of action taken by the MIAA's infractions committee in Dec., 1976.

The committee, with approval of the league's athletic directors, ruled that, because special foreign student scholarships awarded to NWMSU tennis players were actually athletic scholarships, the

University had exceeded the 57 grants-in-aid allowable to each league institution. So, the 1976 MIAA title was taken from NWMSU by the league.

As a result, six of his top eight players from the 1976 squad weren't around for action last season as they either transferred to other colleges or met graduation requirements earlier than planned.

To add to the personnel problem, according to Byrd, the tennis budget was sliced considerably and the MIAA voted in favor of limiting the number of tennis dates a league school could schedule from 18 to 13.

But Byrd's team, which was made up of players who didn't get in much court time, defeated 13 out of 17 opponents they met during the regular season.

Then, when it came time for the event the team had been directing their efforts toward all season, the MIAA tournament, the Bearcats scored 51 out of a possible 54 points while second-place and pre-season title favorite, Southwest Missouri State, scored only 22 points.

"This team had a lot more challenges and obstacles than any team has been faced with before the start of the season since I've been here," said Byrd. "Tennis had received a lot of bad ink around here because of the infractions committee ruling and these guys had



Members of Dr. John Byrd's tennis team find it a joy to display their MIAA Championship trophy. The tennis team was the only group of Bearcats to win a league title last year. FRONT ROW: Biodun Odunsi, Rudy Zuniga. BACK ROW: Olayi Ogunrinde, Byrd, Mondelo Aadum. [Not Pictured are Rex Haultain and Fernando Haderspock.] Photo by Mic Jones.

extra pressure on them because of the reputation we have around tennis circles.

"I guess you can call it pride, but this team didn't want to see our string of on-the-court conference victories end and they felt they had a lot to prove to some people," added Byrd.

Next season, four of Byrd's top six players will be eligible to return for action.

Byrd said he thinks it will be tough for his squad to defend their title against

Northeast Missouri State and Southwest Missouri State, both of which Byrd said allot two scholarships for tennis.

"The school is going to have to give tennis some financial aid if we're going to continue winning," said Byrd. "If they don't, it will be tough for us to do."

But, until men's tennis is allotted more scholarship aid, Byrd will have to keep challenging his players to continue a winning tradition and hope that it works like it has the past seven years.

## Bearkitten volleyball mentor resigns

Theresa Hospodarsky, women's volleyball coach the past two fall semesters, ended a two-year coaching and teaching stint in the Women's Physical Education Department by resigning from her position in late June.

According to Barbara Bernard, acting Women's Physical Education Department chairperson, Hospodarsky's reason for resigning was to move to Utah with her husband, Donald, who is pursuing a position as a computer processor.

Hospodarsky, who has been the only women's volleyball coach since the sport became a part of NWMSU's intercollegiate athletic program, coached the Bearkittens to a 12-44-4 won-loss two-season mark.

In addition to filling the vacancy

created within the department through Hospodarsky's resignation, the University is also filling a women's cross country and track coaching vacancy that was created when Dr. Glenda Williams resigned in May.

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# LETTERS TO THE Editor

Dear Editor:

After I read the article in the July 8 issue of the *Missourian* entitled, "P.E. Department seeks new coach," it left me in total disgust.

As a past member of the cross country team I have felt frustration, which I'm sure Dr. Baker has felt also, from the lack of support given cross country by the Athletic-Physical Education Department.

Dr. Richey was quoted as saying, "We might not be able to find anyone who can carry out the duties listed in the job of

duties. This leads me to question the motives of Dr. Richey and the P.E. Department. Why wasn't the decision to replace Baker decided upon earlier and the vacancy announced sooner? This would have given the department more time to find a qualified replacement. How much importance does Richey place on hiring the best cross country coach possible?

The Athletic-P.E. Department owes it to the athletes who participate in cross-country to do their best to promote

the sport. I feel they have not done this. In the four years that I have participated in cross country at this University, not once can I recall Dr. Richey ever attending a meet. Apathy, yes, but another reason might be because the cross country team doesn't have a home course to run on, except on the gravel roads fighting the dogs, dust and getting stone bruises. It is embarrassing for another school to compete against us here, and few choose to do so. Each and every conference school has their own

grass course of some kind to run on. So why should they come to Maryville to run on gravel and dodge cars? No one has been hit by a car yet but there have been some close misses.

The P.E. Department is seeking a new coach; it should also be seeking ways to promote the cross country program by recognizing the problems and doing something to change them. Let's not let cross country go to the dogs and the dust.

John Wellerding

## THE STROLLER

Well, here it was--first session already and the Stroller was hardly prepared after only one abysmally meager weekend to rest and recuperate. In addition, the Stroller had (in a burst of unwarranted optimism and self-confidence) signed himself up for extra hours, a fact which he now contemplated in despair.

For your Stroller, this would betoken a sad farewell to good times and summer fun and herald a return to diligent studying (groan) and the writing of a research paper (shudder).

To make everything even worse, the second session also brought with it the first stretch of really hot, skin-searing weather, making ordinary strolling an extraordinarily difficult and miserable activity. Like everyone else on campus, your Stroller sought refuge in any cool, air conditioned place he could find. Colden Hall was a lovely place to be and the Student Union was also comfortable, so the Stroller spent much of his time in these protective environments.

By the second or third day of class, however, the Stroller realized that this session was going to involve a

considerable amount of time in the library--no doubt about it. He decided that wouldn't really be so bad, picturing rows of absorbed, industrious students diligently pursuing their studies in the cool hush of book-lined rooms.

So it was that he strolled down to the library one fine, blistering equatorial day, eager to step into the air conditioned comfort of Wells Library. But as he neared his destination, he noticed a peculiar fact; the door was open. They really shouldn't do that, thought the Stroller automatically, not when they have

alright upstairs. But upstairs was just the same, only hotter. Drooping librarians and student workers labored alone in the echoing spaces, devoid of any students studying. His shirt plastering stickily to his body, he decided to investigate downstairs. In the Browsing Room, two students lounged listlessly, leafing through magazines. In that tiny cell humorously called the Student Lounge, no students lounged at all. The sun burned fiercely through the windows of the deserted room.

Thinking that he would have a quick candy bar before deciding whether to leave or stay, the Stroller dropped 20 cents in the vending machine and purchased a chocolate bar. He found only a warm, oozy mess clinging liquidly to the paper. Torn between throwing it away and wasting his 20 cents, or risking someone coming in to witness him licking a wrapper, he paused, debating with himself. Finally, he could no longer stand the heat, so throwing it away after all, he ventured into the Reserve Room. Two students mopping their faces with Kleenexes pored over magazines, so the

Stroller sat down and opened his books, full of resolve. But, within a very short time, his iron resolve began to weaken as drops of sweat began to spatter his text.

**When drops of sweat began to spatter his text, the Stroller's resolve weakened and he left the deserted library.**

**The Stroller pictured the library full of absorbed, industrious students studying diligently.**

the air conditioner on. Puzzled, he walked on in, his first sight being that of the door checker who lifted a sweat-shiny face briefly, pausing to wipe her damp brow.

Maybe this part just isn't air conditioned, he thought. It's probably

and he became aware that his Right Guard had let down its defenses.

Surrendering, he picked up his books and ambled out the door back into the merciless heat. Where to go now? With the Den closed at 4 p.m., it was obviously back to the old dorm. At least there was a fan in his room so it was okay for tonight.

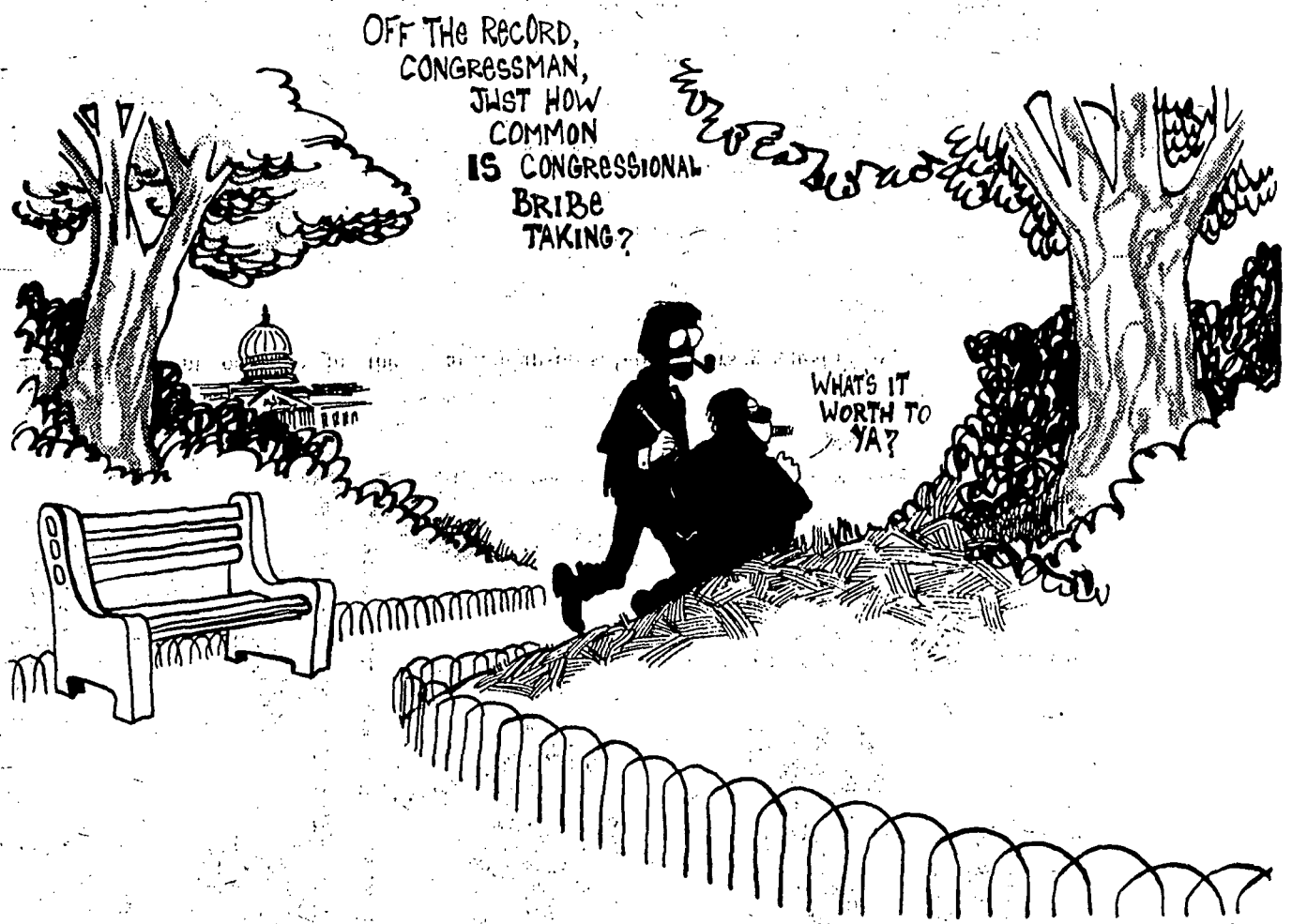
When he needed to do some real research, perhaps they would let him take his trusty fan in the library. . .

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